

איגוד המתיבתות "לנו ולבנינו"

בס"ד

Dear Esteemed Parents,

Our town of Lakewood is *Boruch Hashem* full of wonderful families of *Talmidei Chachomim* and true *Bnei Torah*, whose only goal and desire is to see their children *shteig* in Torah and *Yiras Shamayim*. As we live in times where the winds of the outside society are constantly threatening to enter into the inner sanctums of our homes especially through the internet, parents are ever vigilant, and go to great lengths in their efforts to keep their homes free of the internet.

In a situation where it is not possible [due to *parnassah* or other unavoidable situations] to keep internet out of home entirely, parents make sure that the internet connection in the home has an excellent filter, and do not allow their sons to use the internet at all.

However, the pace of the internet is faster than we can imagine. Sadly, we have seen from experience time and again, that even when it seems that everything possible was done to safeguard our homes/devices from the vices and distractions of the internet, a small seemingly insignificant oversight, can cause access to the internet to remain available, sometimes via even a simple cell phone, not to mention laptops, tablets, home computers or smartphones.

How painful it is for parents and the Yeshiva, when we realize that an avoidable oversight caused a terrible *michshol* to exist without anyone realizing it. It is impossible to describe the agony if **חס ושלום** our sons/*talmidim* were unnecessarily exposed to the vices of the internet [and sometimes their friends in Yeshiva as well]. Even more tragic is the fact that at times the damage done is difficult to rectify *Rachmana Litzlan*.

In such circumstances we are painfully reminded of the plea "סולו סולו פנו דרך הרימו מכשול מדרך" "עמי". How great is the responsibility of the parents and the Yeshiva to respond to this plea. We must not leave a stone unturned in our efforts to ensure the very best possible environment for our sons/*talmidim* to grow in Torah and *Yiras Shamayim*. We also must not forget that they are the future *bnei torah* and *Gedolei Torah* of the next generation *IY"H*.

Boruch Hashem, there is a new mosad that recently opened in Lakewood called *Machane Kadosh* that specializes specifically in this area. They have experts on staff who are able to ascertain that all devices in the home¹ are truly internet free or that appropriate filters are in place. They then certify that they checked every device and all is in order.

¹ This includes devices connected at home, and the parents devices that are brought home on a regular basis. Office based devices are not included.

Please note, that anyone who would like to send their son to any of our *Yeshivos* will be required, after the *bechina*, to be certified by *Machne Kadosh*¹. Acceptance to the Yeshiva will be dependent on receiving certification from *Machane Kadosh* no later than Rosh Chodesh Nissan 5780.

Protecting our homes from the dangers of the internet is crucial. Equally important, is for parents and *Rabbeim* to properly understand the effect of any interaction with the internet on the healthy development of Mesivta age bochurim in particular.

In order to properly address this very vital component of our efforts to help our sons/bochurim shtieg, *Igud Hamesivtos Lanu Ulvanainu* [in conjunction with TAG] will *IY"Y* host an asifa for all parents. Details will be forthcoming after the acceptance process is completed.

Warm wishes for continued *nachas* from your son.

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